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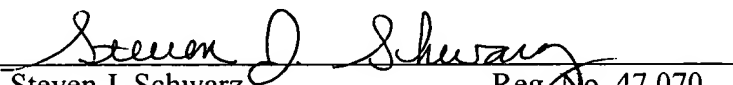
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004 be extended for a period of three (3) months from July 29, 2004 to and including October 29, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$980.00. Please charge the required fee to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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